

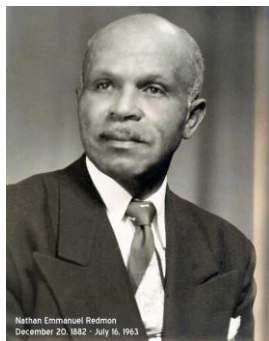
**Nathan Emmanuel Redmon**

**December 20, 1882 – July 16, 1963**

Nathan Redmon and his wife Goldie emigrated from Chicago Illinois in 1913 and bought two lots of property in York Township Toronto at a purchase price of \$275.

Like many Black men of that era, Nathan was employed as a railway porter but his entrepreneurial spirit led him to establishing his own business called **Redmon Haulage**. He was a self-made man and became recognized as a prominent citizen and a leader in the Black community as his company grew from one truck to a fleet of ten by 1937. Major Toronto developers hired his services to haul blocks, bricks and lumber to their projects throughout the city.

More than nine decades later, the family home he designed and built is still standing at 122 Belgravia Avenue. He handmade his own unique concrete blocks with granite face three at a time from a steel form. Unlike the other residences in the area, his property even had a gas pump on it to fuel his trucks. He was kind spirited and resourceful and assisted in building several other homes in the Greater Toronto Area. He had six children that were schooled in the community and attended Wilcox Public School and Vaughan Road Collegiate. Nathan Emmanuel Redmon died in 1963 at the age of 81 years leaving twenty-one grandchildren to honour his historical legacy amongst those pioneer Black families who became positive change agents in Toronto.



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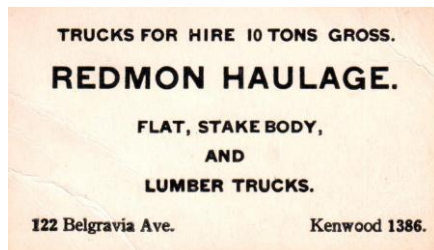


1937  
REDMON HAULAGE  
122 Belgravia Avenue  
Township of York, Ontario



Unique block with granite facing handmade by Nathan three at a time from a steel form.

The white structure on the back of the house was the business office under the administration of Goldie Redmon who had taken business training in Chicago before they moved to Toronto. Nathan is standing to the left of the gas pump.



122 Belgravia Avenue  
taken in 2019

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